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WHY WE NEED BOOK REQUESTS

FROM YOU

Top ten reasons to send book requests to us:

1. We promote a philosophy of independence for those we serve. Independence means speaking and choosing for yourself.
2. We serve over 2,600 patrons. It is not possible to know each reader and their preferences as well as you know your own.
3. Your reading interests may change. YOU know best what you want to read!
4. There are over 36,000 titles in the collection! Titles in the catalogs are only a few of the titles available.

5. We can also get you authors and subjects not listed in the catalog -- if you ask.

6. We have many requests for the same titles; the more choices you give us, the more likely you will receive books immediately.

7. It is difficult with a broad reader's profile (e.g., "I like mysteries") to identify specific interests, likes and dislikes. All books in a category are not alike. The mystery lover may not enjoy Sherlock Holmes, Mike Hammer or Miss Marple tales equally.

8. You can give yourself a change of pace by changing authors, titles or subjects, and you can always return to the "tried and true."

9. There's a better chance of you choosing the right book than us choosing the right book.

10. Most important, YOU KNOW BEST what you want to read!

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ORDERING BOOKS:

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS

MAIL: Mail your catalog order forms or book lists postage-free to the Montana Talking Book Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620. If possible give the book number (e.g., RC 23658, FD 35972) or you can order by author and/or title if you don't know the number. Don't forget to put your name and address on your order.

PLEASE RETURN

TELEPHONE: Call our toll-free number (1-800-332-3400) or 444-2064 in Helena; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. After hours or on weekends, leave a message. You can record a short book order or we can call you back. Be sure to state your name and phone number clearly. It's helpful if you spell your name.

FAX: Send your book order by telefac-simile to (406) 444-5612. Indicate "Talking Book Library" on your order so it will be directed to the right department.

TAPE: Record your requests on a cassette and mail it to us. Please speak your name and full address clearly at the beginning of the tape. Mail the cassette under separate cover; don't include it in a recorded book container. You may mail the tape postage-free.

IN PERSON: Visit the Talking Book Library on the ground level of the State Library/Justice Building, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE COURTESY RULES OF BLINDNESS

When you meet me don't be ill at ease. It will help both of us if you remember these simple points of courtesy.

1. I'm an ordinary person, just blind. You don't need to raise your voice or address me as if I were a child. Don't ask my spouse what I want - "Cream in the coffee?" - ask me.
2. If I am walking with you, don't grab my arm; let me take yours. I'll keep a half-step behind, to anticipate curbs and steps.
3. I want to know who's in the room with me. Speak when you enter. Introduce me to the others. Include children, and tell me if there's a cat or dog. Guide my hand to a chair.

4. The door to a room, cabinet, or to a car left partially open is a hazard to me.

5. At dinner I will not have trouble with ordinary table skills.

6. Don't avoid words like "see." I use them, too. I'm always glad to see you.

7. I don't want pity. But don't talk about the "wonderful compensations" of blindness. My sense of smell, touch or hearing did not improve when I became blind. I rely on them more and, therefore, may get more information through those senses than you do - that's all.

8. If I'm your houseguest, show me the bathroom, closet, dresser, window - the light switch, too. I like to know whether the lights are on.

9. I'll discuss blindness with you if you're curious, but it's an old story to me. I have as many other interests as you do.

10. Don't think of me as just a blind person. I'm a person who happens to be blind.

In all 50 states, the law requires drivers to yield the right of way when they see my extended white cane. Only the blind may carry white canes. You see more blind persons today walking alone. Not because there are more of us, but because we have learned to make our own way.

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

The Family Reading Program for young people was conducted from June 19 - August 11. The theme was "Get a Clue - Read!"

Congratulations to Jillian and Isaac who were the winners of the grand prizes. They each received an AM/FM Stereo cassette Walkman. Eleven children registered for the program, and they read a total of 145 books. The Family Reading Program encourages children and families to read for pleasure and relaxation.

MONTANA CASSETTE BOOKS

An update to the 1993 edition of the Montana Cassette Catalog is now available. This supplement lists the Montana books recorded in our studios since 1993. For a copy please call us at 1-800-332-3400.

DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOS

"What is a DV?" DV is short for descriptive video. They are regular videos which have voice narrators who, when the dialogue stops, describe or explain what action is occurring. The Montana Talking Book Library has 93 titles in the DV collection and an updated DV catalog is now available. To receive a DV catalog, please contact the library. Two new titles have just arrived and are not yet in the catalog. They are TOTAL RECALL and TERMINATOR II.

You may send in as many DV requests as you like. We cannot guarantee the videos will be sent in any particular order or at any particular time. You may check out only one video at a time and that video must be back at the library before another will be sent out.

The DV's are played on a regular VCR. The library does not provide this equipment. Call us at 1-800-332-3400 if you need more information or a catalog.

PATRONS NEEDED AS IN-HOME VOLUNTEERS

Recorded books are a primary source of information and enjoyment for our library patrons, so it is important that each narrator's voice and style are easy to understand and listen to. We are always striving to improve our locally produced books and would like some feedback on the Montana books which are recorded in our Helena and Deer Lodge

(Prison) studios.

We are looking for about ten patrons who would be willing to spend January and February listening to and commenting on the most recent work of our narrators. You will be able to respond via a simple written form or by telephone. This will probably involve a commitment of five to ten hours over the two months. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Gen Allen by December 20th if you would be willing to work on this important project.

VOLUNTEERS ARE HONORED

On June 16th over eighty volunteers, library staff and volunteer spouses gathered at the historic Montana Club in downtown Helena for the 1995 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. A delicious buffet was served to guests who were intimately seated in the 6th floor banquet room that overlooks the city. Library staff decorated the tables with lovely floral center pieces made by reader advisor, Carolyn Meier. Each volunteer received a copy of the VOLUNTEER COOKIE COOKBOOK, which had been compiled by library staff from favorite recipes of staff and volunteers.

Keynote speaker, Peggy Guthrie, daughter-in-law of Montana writer A.B. Guthrie and Vice Chair of the State Library Commission, graciously recognized the tremendous work done by library volunteers. Montana author Sally Garrett Dingley, who has written over a dozen Harlequin romances under the name Sally Garrett, was the special guest speaker. She told the audience how she comes up with ideas for her characters and plot and what she tries to accomplish in her romance novels. The Talking Book Library plans to record all of her novels.

Joan Bishop, who has narrated nineteen

Montana books, including six Margaret Scherf mysteries, received the Narrator of the Year Award, and was given a small medallion with a book design inscribed with her name.

In the presence of his family and fellow Telephone Pioneers, the Talking Book Library staff awarded Pioneer Bob Andre a Life-Time Achievement Award, honoring him for over thirty years of work repairing talking book machines.

Volunteers who have contributed five years of continuous service to the library were given sweatshirts designed by library staff. These include: (Circulation) Bernece Arts, Mary Gabse, Gert Gullickson, Bev Hill; (Recording Program) Joan Bishop, Jeanne Drake, Phyllis Herbert, Roy Kallin, Colleen Mockler and Jane Weidler; (Telephone Pioneer) Jack Buckley.

Four developmentally disabled volunteers from West Mont group homes and Helena High School's special needs program received "Life-Saver" awards. These volunteers assist with tape inspection, rewinding and the library's recycling program.

In 1994 one hundred and eleven (111)

volunteers contributed 15,669 hours to the Montana State Library.

EXPENDABLE TRUST

The 54th Montana Legislature established a Montana State Library Expendable Trust. The Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL) will be a part of this trust which will allow MTBL to invest all donations and to retain the interest earned from these investments. The Talking Book Library uses the donated funds to purchase special equipment and materials, such as descriptive videos and recording materials for the Montana Cassette Book Recording Program. Tax deductible contributions can be made in memory of a loved one or for special occasions.

All gifts are acknowledged by a letter sent to the donor and a notification sent to the honoree or the family, informing them of the gift. The amount of the gift is confidential.

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Happy Holidays

*Merry Christmas
Alberta*

*Have a wonderful
Christmas! Jen Allen*

*Merry Christmas
Sandra Furrer*

To:
All of You

*Season's Greetings
Lee*

*Happy Holiday
Darla*

From:
All of Us

*Merry Christmas
Carolyn*

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